



## MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT FOR ALL CARGO SHIPS  
>500 GROSS TONS**

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*Federal Register/ Vol. 66, No. 193/ Oct. 4, 2001/ Rules and Regulations [USCG-2001-10689]  
Federal Register/ Vol. 67, No. 13/ Jan. 18, 2002/ Rules and Regulations [USCG-2001-10689]*

This bulletin serves as a notice to all vessel owners, operators, and agents of foreign vessels making port calls in the United States. As you may know the final provisions for the International Safety Management (ISM) are nearing the deadline. The current provisions require only certain passenger vessels, tank ships, and bulk carriers to be in compliance with ISM. On July 1, 2002, the ISM requirements will be required for all cargo ships of 500 gross tons or more. However, as of January 1, 2002, vessels are required to submit the necessary information in the 96-hour Advanced Notice of Arrival (See below for reporting requirements). Any vessel not in compliance with the aforementioned regulations by July 1, 2002, could be denied entry into the OCMI/COTP Long Island Sound zone. In order to prevent an interruption in commercial shipping, I encourage vessel owners and operators to take the necessary actions. Any questions can be directed to the Group/Marine Safety Office at (203) 468-4444.

Reporting requirements are as follows:

- Date of Issuance of the Document of Compliance (DOC)
- Name of the flag Administration, or authorized organization acting on the flag's behalf, which issued the DOC
- Date of Issuance of the Safety Management Certificate (SMC)
- Name of the flag Administration, or authorized organization acting on the flag's behalf, which issued the SMC

Sincerely,

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